SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Class Title: PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive (Training and Experience)

Date Adopted: 7/71

Date Revised:

Jurisdictions: Schools

DISTINQUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position administering physical therapy treatments to patients. Incumbent is responsible for providing direct services to patients upon referral from a licensed physician who provides medical direction. The work is performed under general direction of a higher level physical therapist, medical director, or physician. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Performs physical therapy procedures, evaluations and diagnostic tests for patients referred by a licensed physician;

Teaches appropriate treatment procedures and supportive activities to patients and facility members; Instructs other professional personnel in procedures for the prevention of deformity, correction of defects and the promotion of health;

Develops needed plans for modifying equipment, appliances and the physical surroundings of the patient; Confers periodically with the supervising physical therapists regarding all facets of patient care and related activities;

Reports to and discusses with the attending physician patient's progress for medical direction relative to treatment program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of physical therapy; working knowledge of pathological condition and socio-economic factors affecting disabilities; ability to work well with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy; **OR**
- **(B)** Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college and completion of an approved post graduate program in physical therapy.

NOTE: Part-time employment can be pro-rated to count towards fulltime. Example: six (6) months PT equals three (3) months FT and a higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to a year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Licensure and current registration with the New York State Education Department to practice physical therapy or a current temporary permit pending the granting of a license by that department.

(Agreed to by Municipal Service Division and Health Department, Division of Hospital Affairs, July 1971; based on New York State Hospital Code.)

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